

1. A method of ordering products from an electronic database using a computer system, said method comprising:

5 categorizing the products represented in said electronic database into pre-defined categories;

5 maintaining a list of commonly purchased products in each said category;

displaying at least a partial listing of said categories;

enabling a user to select at least one displayed category; and

displaying an electronic order form comprising at least a portion of the commonly purchased products corresponding to said selected category.

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2. The method of Claim 1, wherein each said list of commonly purchased products is based on a history of prior orders, said history being dynamically updated over time.

15 3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said pre-defined categories are customized for a specific user.

4. The method of Claim 1, wherein said list of commonly purchased products is customized to display products most commonly ordered by a specific user.

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5. The method of Claim 1, including:

providing multiple of said lists of commonly purchased products, wherein each said product list comprises at least a product name and an input field for enabling a user to indicate a desired quantity of said product to be purchased; and

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for each said product list, automatically capturing all products and quantities desired by the user to an aggregate product list prior to displaying another said product list.

6. The method of Claim 5, further including, for each said product list:
enabling a user to change to zero or to delete said quantity of said product to be
purchased; and
automatically capturing all changes to said quantity of said product to an
5 aggregate product list and removing said product from said aggregate product list prior to
displaying another said product list.

7. The method of Claim 5, wherein said aggregate product list is an editable
shopping cart form.

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8. The method of Claim 5, wherein said aggregate product list is a final purchase
order.

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9. The method of Claim 1, wherein said computer system is a client-server based
system, said electronic database is stored on the server, and said product list is
displayable on said client.

10. The method according to Claim 1, wherein said computer system is personal
computer system, and said electronic database is stored on the computer system.

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11. A method for ordering products from an electronic database, said method
comprising:

storing electronic purchase orders created by a user on a computer system;
enabling said user to search for and select previous purchase orders;
25 enabling a user to select a previously ordered product from said previous purchase
order for automatic inclusion in a current purchase order.

12. The method of Claim 11, further comprising enabling said user to modify
information regarding said selected previously ordered product, including at least the
30 quantity of product.

13. The method of Claim 11, further comprising enabling said user to search for said previous purchase orders using a search criteria or to view all previous purchase orders.

5 14. The method of Claim 13, wherein the search criteria includes at least one of purchase order number, product number and product description.

15. The method of Claim 11, wherein said computer system is a client-server based system, said electronic database is stored on the server, and said product list is
10 displayable on said client.

16. The method according to Claim 11, wherein said computer system is a personal computer system, and said electronic database is stored on the computer system.

15 17. A method for ordering product electronically, said method comprising:
provisioning multiple product lists available for display, each said product list having at least a product name and an input field for enabling a user to indicate a desired quantity of said product to be purchased; and
for each said product list, automatically capturing all products and quantities
20 desired for purchase by the user to an aggregate product list prior to displaying another said product list.

18. The method of Claim 17, wherein said aggregate product list is a final purchase order which said user accepts or denies.

25 19. The method of Claim 18, further comprising enabling said user to review and modify said aggregate product list and automatically transmitting all products and quantities from said aggregated product list to a final purchase order which said user accepts or denies.

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10. The method of Claim 17, wherein said computer system is a client-server based system, said electronic database is stored on the server, and said product list is displayable on said client.

5 21. The method according to Claim 17, wherein said computer system is personal computer system, and said electronic database is stored on the computer system.

22. A method for awarding credits redeemable for products, said method comprising:

enabling a user to electronically place a purchase order from a vendor;

10 tracking a monetary value of said purchase order and converting said monetary value into earned credits which a user can redeem for products from the vendor during one or more subsequent ordering sessions;

15 maintaining a list of products which can be acquired with said earned credits, said list having at least a product name and a product value expressed in credits;

making said list available for searching during the subsequent ordering session;
and

enabling said user to search for and select said products in exchange for said earned credits.

20 23. The method of Claim 22, wherein said earned credits are displayed as a dollar value.

24. The method of Claim 22, further comprising enabling said user to redeem said earned credits during one or more ordering sessions, tracking credits earned and credits redeemed throughout multiple ordering sessions and adjusting remaining earned credit balance.

25. The method of Claim 22, further comprising setting a predetermined maximum amount of said earned credits which said user can accumulate.

26. The method of Claim 22, further comprising setting a predetermined maximum amount of time after which unredeemed earned credits expire.

27. A method of ordering products from an electronic database using a computer system, said method comprising:

categorizing the products represented in said electronic database into pre-defined categories that are customized for a specific user;

10 maintaining a list of commonly purchased products in each said category, said list comprising at least a product name and a price, wherein said list is customized to display products most commonly ordered by said specific user and custom prices payable by said specific user;

displaying at least a partial listing of said categories;

enabling a user to select at least one displayed category;

15 displaying an electronic order form comprising at least a portion of the commonly purchased products corresponding to said selected category;

providing multiple of said lists of commonly purchased products, wherein each said product list further comprises an input field for enabling a user to indicate a desired quantity of said product to be purchased; and

20 for each said product list, automatically capturing all products and quantities desired by the user to an aggregate product list prior to displaying another said product list;

enabling a user to change to zero or to delete said quantity of said product to be purchased; and

25 automatically capturing all changes to said quantity of said product to an aggregate product list and removing said product from said aggregate product list prior to displaying another said product list.